What is claimed is:

- 1. A high availability computing system comprising a plurality of servers connected by a first and a second network, wherein the servers communicate with each other to detect server failure and transfer applications to other servers on detecting server failure.
- 2. A method of maintaining high availability in a server cluster having a plurality of nodes, comprising:

instantiating a group communications service, a cluster membership service and a system resource manager on each node; and

communicating between the group communications service, the membership service and the system resource manager on each node to detect node failures and to transfer applications to other nodes on detecting node failure.

15 3. An article comprising a computer readable medium having instructions thereon, wherein the instructions, when executed in a computer, create a system for executing the method of claim 2.

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